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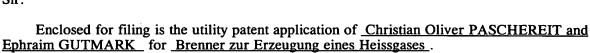
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Box PATENT APPLICATION

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:



- Applicant(s) hereby request(s) that the above-captioned application NOT BE
 PUBLISHED under 35 U.S.C. § 122(b) and 37 C.F.R. § 1.211. The undersigned hereby certifies that the invention disclosed in this application has not and will not be the subject of an application filed in another country, or under a multilateral international agreement, that requires publication at eighteen months after filing.

 Applicant(s) suggest(s) Figure _ for inclusion on the front page of the patent application publication and patent.
 Also enclosed are:
 [x] _3 __ sheet(s) of [x] formal [] informal drawing(s);
- [x] a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 119 and/or 365 is [x] hereby made to Appln. No. 100 65 206.0 and No. 101 20 960.6 filed in Germany on December 23, 2000 and April 27, 2001, respectively;
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- [] a certified copy of the priority document;
- [] a General Authorization for Petitions for Extensions of Time and Payment of Fees;
- [] an Assignment document;
- [] an Information Disclosure Statement;
- [] a patent application data sheet; and
- [] Other: _
- [x] An [x] executed [] unexecuted declaration of the inventor(s)
 - [] also is enclosed [x] will follow.
- [] Small entity status is hereby claimed.
- [] Please amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence:
 - --This application claims priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 119 and/or 365 to _ filed in _ on _; the entire content of which is hereby incorporated by reference.--



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- [] Please amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence:

 --This application is a continuation of International Application No. _ filed on _,
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- [x] The filing fee has been calculated as follows [] and in accordance with the enclosed preliminary amendment:

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